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BULLETIN OF FEDERAL AND STATE LEGISLATION AFFECTING LAND USE

No. 1

Week Ending January 7, 1937

This Bulletin notes the introduction of bills relating to land use in Congress and the various state legislatures according to information received in Washington during the past week, and also briefly summarizes important or significant bills.

This Bulletin is intended to cover all bills of importance to land use introduced in Congress (Part I); but only proposals for State Legislation of outstanding importance and likely to be of interest in other States, are included in the Bulletin (Part II).

Further information pertaining to these or other laws, enacted or pending, having a bearing on land use may be obtained on request from the Land Use Planning Section, Land Utilization Division, Resettlement Administration, Washington, D. C.

State and regional offices are requested to bring omissions and inaccuracies in this report to the attention of the Washington office.





LEGISLATIVE SESSIONS IN 1937  
 (This will appear only in first issue)

JANUARY 4

California  
 Idaho  
 Montana  
 Ohio  
 Tennessee

JANUARY 5

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES  
 (79th Session)

Delaware  
 Minnesota  
 Nebraska  
 North Dakota  
 Oklahoma  
 Pennsylvania  
 Rhode Island  
 South Dakota

JANUARY 6

Colorado  
 Connecticut  
 Illinois  
 Maine  
 Maryland  
 Massachusetts  
 Michigan  
 Missouri  
 New Hampshire  
 New York  
 North Carolina  
 Vermont

JANUARY 7

Indiana

JANUARY 11

Alaska  
 Arizona  
 Arkansas  
 Iowa  
 Oregon  
 Utah  
 Washington  
 Georgia - (Special Session  
 to elect officers  
 and introduce bills -  
 meets regularly in July).

JANUARY 12

Kansas  
 New Jersey  
 New Mexico  
 South Carolina  
 Texas  
 Wyoming

JANUARY 13

West Virginia  
 Wisconsin

JANUARY 18

Nevada

APRIL 6

Florida

Special Sessions

Alabama Convened Nov. 23.

Arkansas Convened Dec. 23

Virginia Convened Dec. 14

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## 7. INTERNAL CONTROLS

### ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL

#### **H. R. 47. Mr. Casque.**

To refund taxes collected under the National Lot and Ferry-with-  
Lot and to redeem exemption certificates issued thereunder.  
To Committee on Agriculture January 3.

### MARKETING, CREDIT AND LOANS

#### **H. R. 63. Mr. Warren.**

To provide for loans by the Farm Credit Administration to farmers  
for crop production during 1937.

To Committee on Agriculture January 3.

#### **H. R. 134. Mr. Martin (Colorado)**

To cancel all obligations on rehabilitation loans during the  
period May 1 to November 1, 1935. The bill provides that all  
payments made by such farmers on the said loans to the F.R.A.,  
or U. S. A. shall be refunded. This does not affect standard re-  
habilitation loans.

To Committee on Agriculture January 3.

#### **H. R. 204. Mr. Burdick.**

To provide for Federal crop insurance by the imposition of a  
tax. All renters, share-croppers, and owners whose only source  
of income is from the farming of agricultural land are eligible  
for compensation for crop loss. The insurance covers loss from  
drought, flood, infestation of insects, or disease and hail,  
wind or tornado on wheat, corn, oats, rye, barley, flax and  
cotton. Compensation is to be paid at the rate of 80% of the  
cost of production, based upon scientific data on yields in the  
area. An appropriation of 100 million dollars is made for the  
fund until the tax is imposed. The tax on the insured crops  
begins with 1937 at the rate of two cents a bushel on wheat,  
one cent on corn, oats and rye, and one and one-half on barley,  
flax on flax and one fourth of a cent a pound on cotton. Crops  
grown on submarginal land are not entitled to benefits.

To Committee on Agriculture January 3.

#### **H. R. 207. Mr. Burdick.**

To provide for the cancellation of certain feed and seed loans made  
by the U. S. A. Claims against farmers now receiving relief through





S. P. 4. or direct grants through S. A., only to solvent farmers whose liabilities exceed their assets by fair valuation and claims against farmers where the forced collection would prevent such farmers from continuing their usual farming operations or render them unable to properly protect and maintain the family under a decent standard of living.

To Committee on Agriculture January 5.

H. R. 215. Mr. Lusk.

To liquidate and refinance agricultural indebtedness at reduced rates of interest.

To Committee on Agriculture January 5.

#### FINANCIAL POLICY

H. R. 133. Mr. Martin (Colorado)

To appropriate \$1,200,000,000 for public works under the Works Progress Administration.

To Committee on Appropriations January 5.

H. R. 205. Mr. Burdick.

To make an appropriation of 100 million dollars to supply food, power and seed in 1937 to farmers in the drought area. The fund is to be administered by the Resettlement Administration to applicants entitled. Each applicant is entitled to receive sufficient food for fuel for tractor farming and seed to cultivate at least 100 acres. Funds are to be granted on a 2 1/2% loan basis secured by lien upon the crop.

To Committee on Agriculture January 5.

H. R. 1800. Mr. Coney.

To make the Civilian Conservation Corps a permanent agency.

To Committee on Labor January 5.

H. J. Res. 27. Mr. Burdick.

To declare a mortgage moratorium in the drought areas. This would prohibit the foreclosure of mortgages whether on rural or urban property until March 1, 1937, except if the mortgagee consents in writing.

To Committee on Agriculture January 5.





#### FLOOD CONTROL

H. R. 131. Mr. White (Idaho)

To provide for preliminary survey of the Snake River with a view toward the control of floods.

To Committee on Flood Control January 5.

#### FORESTRY

H. R. 132. Mr. Martin (Colorado)

To add certain lands to the Pike National Forest for the purpose of protecting, regulating and developing the timber, watershed, and furage resources of such lands.

To Committee on Public Lands January 5.

#### INTERNAL SECURITY

H. R. 67. Mr. Elberg.

To consolidate all Federal services relating to agriculture in the Department of Agriculture. The Department is directed to administer all laws relating to the organic resources of the public domain, to exercise all administrative and research functions of the Federal government which have to do with planning, directing and securing the proper use, management and conservation of non-urban lands.

To Committee on Agriculture January 5.

#### FINANCE

H. R. 1480. Mr. Ellenhogen.

To create the U. S. Housing Authority to provide financial assistance to the states for slum clearance, develop dwellings for low income families.

To Committee on Banking and Currency January 5.

#### HYDRO-ELECTRIC DEVELOPMENT

H. R. 82. Mr. Smith (Washington)

To authorize the completion and construction of Bonneville Dam, Oregon. Electrical energy generated not used for navigation facilities may be sold, preference to be given to municipalities.

To Committee on Rivers and Harbors January 5.

H. R. 114. Mr. White (Idaho)

To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct surveys and investigations in order to determine the feasibility and development

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of hydroelectric project at Cabinet Gorge on the Columbia River.

To Committee on Irrigation and Reclamation January 5.

H. R. 117. Mr. White (Idaho)

To establish the Columbia Valley Authority to develop the Columbia River Valley similar to the T. V. A. to provide for flood control, reforestation and the use of marginal lands, to provide for agricultural development and the development of electric power.

To Committee on Irrigation and Reclamation January 5.

H. R. 182. Mr. Burdick.

To establish a Missouri Valley Authority similar to the T. V. A. to provide for flood control, improve navigation, irrigate arid lands, provide for the generation, distribution and sale of electricity.

To Committee on Public Lands January 5.

#### INTERSTATE COMPACTS

H. J. Res. 3. Mr. Sawyer.

To give consent of Congress for the coal producing states to enter into agreements to conserve and stabilize the production and sale of coal.

To Committee on Judiciary January 5.

#### SUPREME COURT

H. R. 50. Mr. Sawyer.

To prohibit all courts in the U. S. except the Supreme Court of the U. S. from declaring an act of Congress unconstitutional. The concurrence of seven members of the Supreme Court is required to declare such acts unconstitutional.

To Committee on Judiciary January 5.

#### TAXATION

H. R. 40. Mr. Nease.

To give consent of the U. S. to the taxation by the State of New York and its subdivisions of certain lands in Buffalo, purchased and under construction of the U. S. as a housing development.

To Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds January 5.

H. R. 197. Mr. Nott.

To amend the Act (44 Stat. 916) to reimburse counties in Oregon and Washington in lieu of taxes on the O & C Railroad grant lands. In



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1927, payments had to be made from the O & C grant fund but which was exhausted and a deficit of 9 million dollars contracted. This bill seeks to revert to the practice prior to 1927 and making payments out of the general Treasury funds on the basis of valuation made in 1916.

To Committee on Public Lands January 5.

## TENANCY

H. R. 6. Mr. Jones.

To establish a farmer's Home Corporation to promote the ownership of farm homes and provide additional credit facilities for agricultural development.

To Committee on Agriculture January 6.

## II. STATE LEGISLATION

(Includes only outstanding proposals likely to be of interest to legislatures other than the one in which bill is introduced.)

### REAL PROPERTY

Massachusetts. H. B. 132. Mr. Murphy.

To prohibit banks and insurance companies from charging more than 4% interest on loans on real estate used for dwelling purposes.

To Committee on Banks and Banking January 6.

### REAL PROPERTY TAXES

Massachusetts. H. B. 124. Mr. Olson.

To amend the Constitution to give the legislature power to fix the maximum tax rate for cities and towns (townships).

To Committee on Taxation January 6.

Massachusetts. H. B. 171. Mr. Hogan.

To amend Chapter 59 of General Laws to provide that lands not exceeding one acre used as homes or homesteads with buildings thereon not used for commercial purposes, or if used for commercial purposes yielding an annual income of less than \$500, shall be exempt from taxation to the extent of 50% of the tax assessable thereon for the first \$5,000. The owners are required to live in the house with their families.

To Committee on Taxation January 6.

Tennessee. S. B. 1. Messrs. Craig and Graves.

To stay the forced collection of delinquent taxes for years prior to 1936 until after December 31, 1937. Any person owing any delinquent real property taxes is given the right to settle and pay such taxes without paying any accrued interest or penalties thereon. The statute of limitations for three years is now provided for the redemption of real property sold for taxes is amended and suspended until December 31, 1937, provided that at the tax sale such lands were bought in by the state or municipal government. Suits now pending in the courts for such sales may be dismissed upon the payment of the delinquent taxes without penalty but including necessary and reasonable court costs and attorneys' fees.

Introduced January 4.



1957, payments had to be made from the 5 x 5 grant fund for which was allocated and a deficit of 5 million dollars was reported. This bill tends to revert to the previous year in 1957 and would pay monthly out of the general treasury funds on the basis of valuation made in 1957.

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THIRTY

M. A. G. W. Jones.  
To establish a fund corporation to promote the ownership of land and provide additional credit facilities for agricultural development.  
To transfer on this basis January 5.

II. REAL PROPERTY  
(includes only ownership proceeds likely to be of interest to legislators other than the one in which bill is introduced.)

REAL PROPERTY  
In 1957, the State of Texas had a total of 1,100,000 acres of land in its ownership. This land was used for a variety of purposes, including agriculture, industry, and recreation. The State's ownership of land is a significant asset, and it is important to ensure that it is managed in a responsible and efficient manner.

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